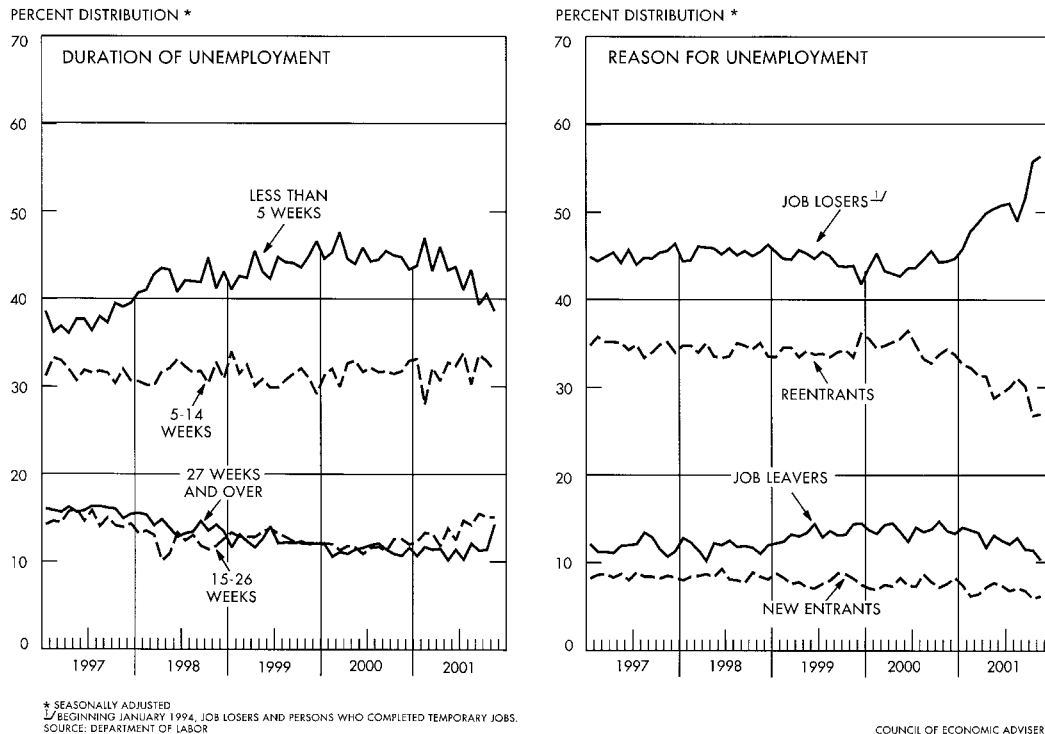


## SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In November, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 5-14 weeks fell, the percentage for 27 weeks and over rose, and the percentage for 15-26 weeks was unchanged. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 14.5 weeks and the median duration rose to 7.7 weeks.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Un-employment (thou- sands)	Duration of unemployment						Reason for unemployment: percent distribution				State programs		Insured unem- ployment, all regular programs (unadjus- ted) <sup>2</sup>	
		Percent distribution				Number of weeks		Job los- ers <sup>1</sup>	Job leav- ers	Reen- trants	New en- trants	Insured unem- plov- ment	Initial claims		
		Less than 5 weeks	5-14 weeks	15-26 weeks	27 weeks and over	Aver- age (mean)	Median								
													Weekly average, thousands		
1991 .....	8,628	40.3	32.4	14.4	12.9	13.7	6.8	54.4	11.6	24.8	9.2	3,342	447	3,406	
1992 .....	9,613	35.1	29.4	15.1	20.3	17.7	8.7	56.1	10.4	23.8	9.7	3,245	408	3,348	
1993 .....	8,940	36.5	28.9	14.5	20.1	18.0	8.3	54.2	10.9	24.6	10.3	2,751	341	2,845	
1994 <sup>3</sup> .....	7,996	34.1	30.1	15.5	20.3	18.8	9.2	47.7	9.9	34.8	7.6	2,670	340	2,739	
1995 .....	7,404	36.5	31.6	14.6	17.3	16.6	8.3	46.9	11.1	34.1	7.8	2,572	357	2,633	
1996 .....	7,236	36.4	31.6	14.6	17.4	16.7	8.3	46.6	10.7	34.7	8.0	2,595	356	2,650	
1997 .....	6,739	37.7	31.7	14.8	15.8	15.8	8.0	45.1	11.8	34.7	8.4	2,323	323	2,366	
1998 .....	6,210	42.2	31.4	12.3	14.1	14.5	6.7	45.5	11.8	34.3	8.4	2,222	321	2,257	
1999 .....	5,880	43.7	31.2	12.8	12.3	13.4	6.4	44.6	13.3	34.1	8.0	2,188	298	2,219	
2000 .....	5,655	45.0	31.9	11.8	11.4	12.6	5.9	44.1	13.7	34.6	7.6	2,110	301	2,142	
2000: Nov .....	5,658	44.8	31.8	12.6	10.7	12.4	6.1	44.4	13.6	34.4	7.6	2,277	344	1,943	
Dec .....	5,653	43.4	33.0	12.0	11.6	12.6	6.1	44.7	13.3	33.8	8.3	2,365	355	2,385	
2001: Jan .....	5,956	43.8	33.2	12.3	10.7	12.6	5.9	45.8	14.0	32.7	7.4	2,350	330	3,108	
Feb .....	5,936	47.0	28.0	13.3	11.7	12.9	6.0	47.8	13.7	32.3	6.2	2,414	355	3,050	
Mar .....	6,088	43.2	32.2	13.2	11.4	13.0	6.5	48.8	13.4	31.4	6.4	2,505	378	2,829	
Apr .....	6,402	46.0	30.7	11.8	11.5	12.6	5.8	49.9	11.7	31.3	7.2	2,636	405	2,966	
May .....	6,169	43.3	32.8	13.8	10.2	12.2	6.5	50.4	13.1	28.8	7.7	2,825	409	2,534	
June .....	6,422	43.7	32.4	12.5	11.4	13.0	6.2	50.8	12.5	29.4	7.4	2,995	410	2,644	
July .....	6,395	41.1	33.9	14.7	10.3	12.5	6.7	51.0	12.1	30.0	6.8	3,058	395	3,171	
Aug .....	6,957	43.4	30.3	14.2	12.1	13.3	6.5	49.0	12.8	31.1	7.1	3,188	398	2,727	
Sept .....	7,009	39.4	33.7	15.5	11.3	13.1	7.4	51.5	11.5	30.2	6.8	3,345	455	2,853	
Oct .....	7,741	40.6	33.0	15.1	11.4	13.0	7.4	55.8	11.4	26.8	5.9	3,676	r 490	3,025	
Nov .....	8,160	38.7	31.9	15.1	14.3	14.5	7.7	56.4	10.3	27.0	6.2	.....	p 460	.....	

<sup>1</sup> Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

<sup>2</sup> Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), ex-servicemen (UCX), and Federal (UCFE). Railroad (RR) programs included through 1993. Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

<sup>3</sup> Data beginning January 1994 are not directly comparable with data for earlier periods.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).